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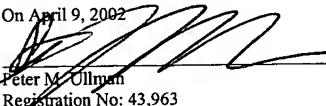
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the November 9, 2001 Office Action (paper no. 9). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Office Action in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Amended) A computer-based method for facilitating the selection of chemical compounds, comprising:
 - receiving an identification of a target compound and a neighborhood range from a user;
 - performing a chemical similarity join to identify compounds of interest within said neighborhood range of said target compound, said chemical similarity join being performed on: